

News Release

U of M Crookston Named to First-ever President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll

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CROOKSTON, Minn. (March 29, 2007) – Campus cultures which place a priority on service and engagement were recognized recently when campuses nationwide, including the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), were named to the first-ever President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Along with UMC, there were ten other campuses honored in the state of Minnesota including the U of M, Twin Cities.

“Being named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is indeed an honor and a tribute to the work of our students, faculty and staff in providing service to the community,” said Tom Baldwin, vice chancellor of academic and student affairs. “We put a high priority on civic engagement and volunteer service at UMC. These are important experiences for our students, and it is great for us to be recognized for our efforts.”

Sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development and in conjunction with Campus Compact, the recognition is designed to increase public awareness of the contributions that students, faculty, and staff are making within their local communities and across the country.

In conjunction with the Honor Roll announcement was the release of the “College Students Helping America,” a comprehensive study that shows college student civic engagement rose significantly in recent years. Student volunteering increased from 2002-05 by approximately 20 percent, the study showed. To view the results of the study and the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, visit www.nationalservice.gov.

For more information on civic engagement and service learning at UMC, contact Lisa Loegering, assistant director of service learning at 218-281-8526 (loege005@umn.edu).

The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) delivers more than 25 applied-science undergraduate degree programs and 50 concentrations, including online degrees, in agriculture; arts, humanities and social sciences; business; math, science and technology; and natural resources. UMC is dedicated to helping students and the region aim higher, reach further and dream bigger dreams. To learn more, visit www.UMCrookston.edu.

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